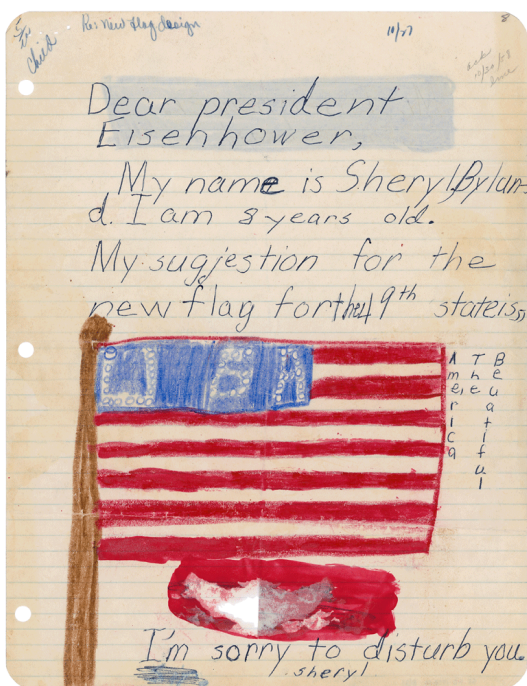


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Our Favorite Presidential Records

In honor of President's Day, we asked our colleagues across the National Archives to share their favorite records relating to Presidents. Here is a (small) sample:



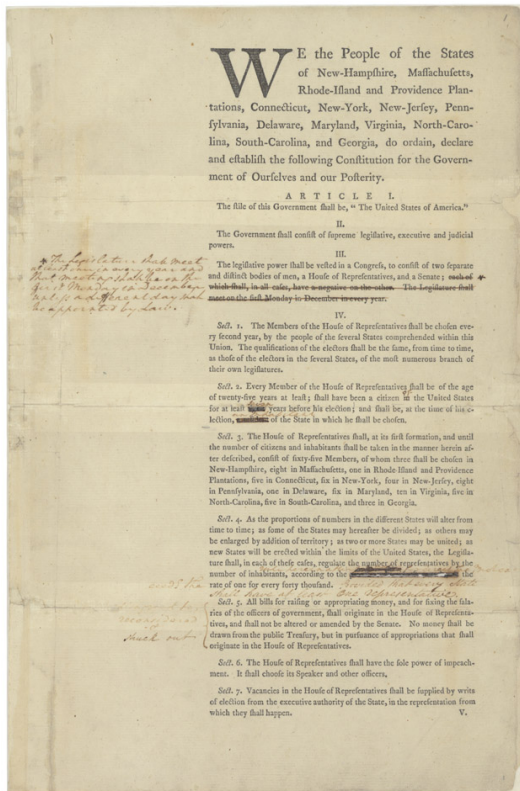
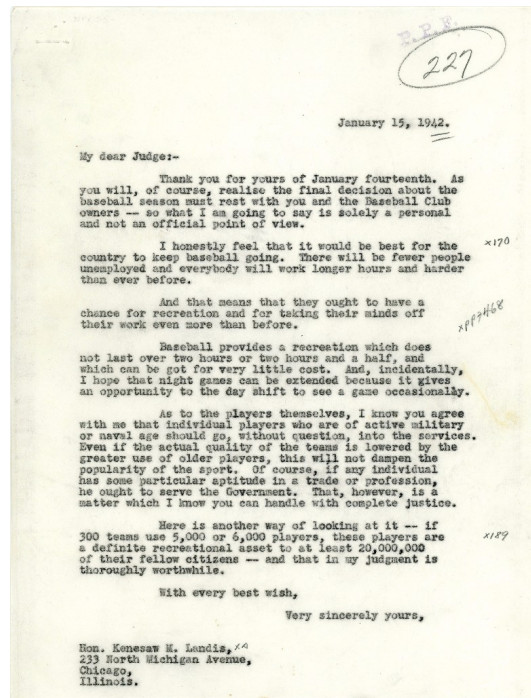
Letter from Sheryl Byland to President Dwight D. Eisenhower Regarding American Flag Design Suggestion, 10/1958

Presidents receive letters all the time, many of them from children. This is a letter from eight year old Sheryl Byland who sent President Dwight D. Eisenhower her suggestion for a new national flag when Alaska would become the 49th state.

Letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt to Kenesaw Landis Regarding Baseball, 1/15/1942

Five weeks after the Japanese bombed
Pearl Harbor and the United States

entered World War II, Commissioner of Baseball Kenesaw Mountain Landis [wrote President Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) asking whether major league baseball should be played. President Roosevelt responded affirmatively with personal hope in what is now known as the “green light” letter. President Roosevelt suggested “that it would be best for the country to keep baseball going.” Text from ["Baseball: The National Pastime in the National Archives,"](#) a free eBook from the National Archives.

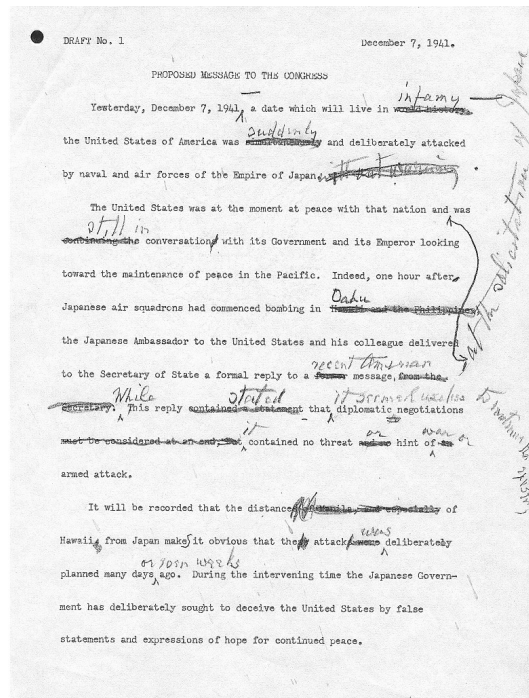


George Washington's Annotated Copy of a Draft of the U.S. Constitution, 1789

This record is from the Records of the Continental and Confederation Congresses and the Constitutional Convention and shows George Washington's annotations to a draft of the Constitution.

Annotated Draft of Proposed Message to Congress Requesting Declaration of War Against Japan, 12/7/1941

After Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appeared before Congress and asked for a declaration of war against Japan. This is his annotated draft of the speech. The speech was dictated by Roosevelt on December 7, 1941, in the hours following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The handwritten notations are Roosevelt's modifications and corrections to the typewritten first draft. The final version of the speech incorporating Roosevelt's annotations was delivered by the President to a Joint Session of Congress on December 8, 1941.



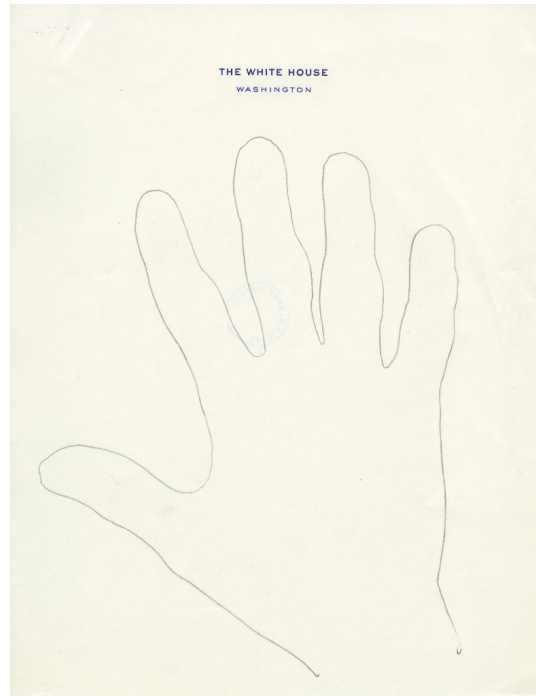
President Lyndon B. Johnson Singing with Yuki, 1/6/1968

Original caption: Location: LBJ Ranch, near Stonewall, Texas. Depicted: President Lyndon B. Johnson sings with Yuki while his grandson, Patrick Lyndon Nugent, looks on.

Outline of President Gerald R. Ford's

Right Hand, ca. 7/7/1975

President Gerald R. Ford traced this outline of his right hand in response to a request from a woman who wanted to include his handprint in a quilt she was making for the American Bicentennial.



Presidential Library Street Views

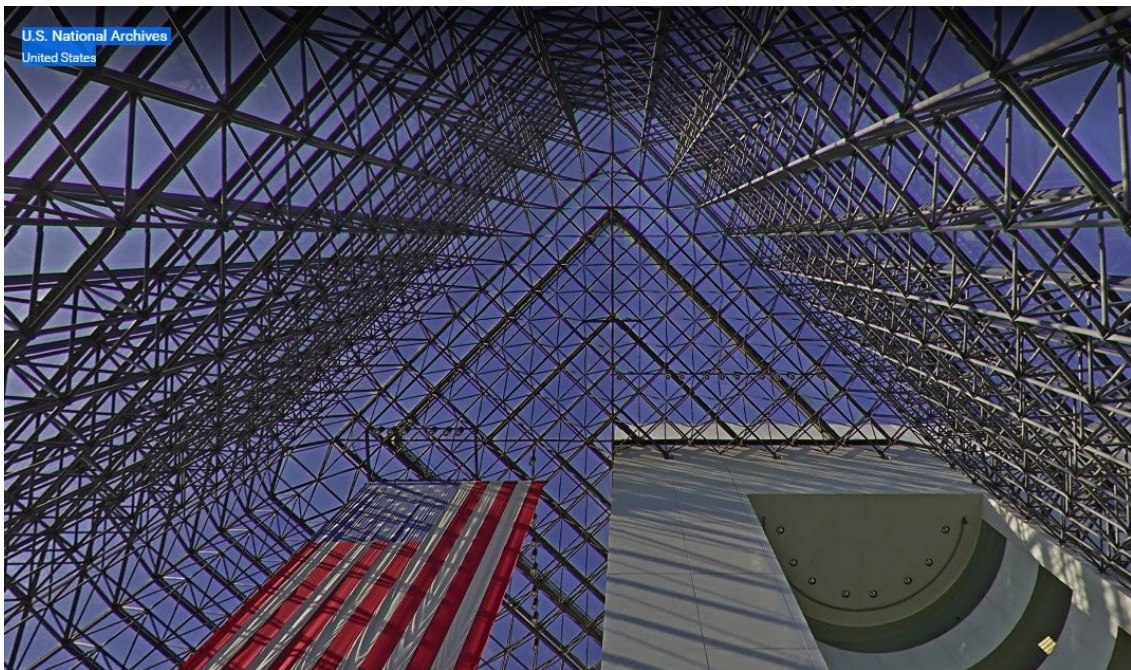
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